

THE HONORABLE ANNA BLACKBURNE-RIGSBY
ASSOCIATE JUDGE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS

Judge Anna Blackburne-Rigsby was appointed to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals in August 2006. Prior to her appointment, Judge Blackburne-Rigsby served as an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia from 2000-2006, and served as a Magistrate Judge on the Superior Court from 1995-2000.

Judge Blackburne-Rigsby was born in Washington, D.C. and raised in New York City. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Duke University, where she received the President's Leadership Award. She earned her law degree from Howard University School of Law in 1987. While in law school, she served as the lead articles editor for the Howard Law Journal and served as the co-captain for the Charles Hamilton Houston Moot Court Team.

Following law school, Judge Blackburne-Rigsby worked as an associate attorney for five years in the law firm of Hogan and Hartson, where she litigated commercial, real estate, employment discrimination, and education matters before state and federal courts and administrative agencies. In 1992, Judge Blackburne-Rigsby joined the District of Columbia Office of Corporation Counsel (now Office of Attorney General), where she served as Special Counsel to the Corporation Counsel. She then served as Deputy Corporation Counsel in charge of the Family Services Division, where she was responsible for managing the Division's 65 attorneys and support staff, who handled child abuse and neglect, child support and enforcement, and domestic violence cases. In 1995, Judge Blackburne-Rigsby was appointed to serve as a Hearing Commissioner (redesignated Magistrate Judge) of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, a position she held until her appointment as an Associate Judge in 2000. Judge Blackburne-Rigsby served in the Criminal, Civil, and Family Divisions and the Domestic Violence Unit of the Superior Court.

Judge Blackburne-Rigsby served on various Superior Court committees including the Judicial Education Committee and the Committee on the Selection and Tenure of Magistrate Judges. Judge Blackburne-Rigsby has taught Trial Advocacy at the Harvard Law School and taught Professional Responsibility as an Adjunct Professor at the David A. Clarke School of Law at the University of the District of Columbia. She has also taught several continuing Legal Education courses for the District of Columbia Bar. While on Superior Court, Judge Blackburne-Rigsby authored several published decisions, opinions, and articles. As a Superior Court judge, she sat by designation with the District of Columbia Court of Appeals in May 2005, and authored the opinion in one of the three cases that were argued, *In Re GE*, 879 A.2d 672 (D.C. 2005).

Judge Blackburne-Rigsby has held offices and been a member of several bar and civic organizations. She was the former Chair of the Washington Bar Association Judicial Council, and the Vice President for District 4 of the National Association of Women Judges. She serves on the Board of Managerial Trustees for the International Association of Women Judges. Judge Blackburne-Rigsby has also served as a coach and

mentor for the Catholic Youth Organization Girls Basketball Team. Judge Blackburne-Rigsby has received awards and recognition for her community and civic activities, including the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs Meritorious Service Award.

September 2006